

# **CRS Research Portal: Prototype – Essential Features**

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### Current News

News

- Arab Reactions
  - A new audiotape purported
  - Wall Street Journal Oct 19 2003 8:13AM ET
- Arabs 'Balking' On Funds for Iraq: Saudis Seen as Reluctant to Take Lead
- Washington Post Oct 23 2003 10:17PM ET
- Bin Laden tape warns of attacks in U.S
- Japan Today Oct 18 2003 7:28PM ET
- German Press Review: Security Fences and Iraq Funding

### Communications and Files

- Groupwise WebAccess
- My Documents
- Leadership Directories
- CRS Photo Directory
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### Resource Alerts

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### Legislative

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### BNA News Feeds

News

- Antitrust & Trade Regulation Report
  - Court Approves \$80 Million Settlement In Drug Cases Under State Laws
  - An \$80 million settlement of Cardizem CD(R) overcharge claims filed on behalf of consumers, third-party payers, and state agencies receives final approval from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Plaintiffs' counsel in these ...
- OECD Committees Ponder Regulation, Cartelization, And Merger Control
- Two committees in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development criticize the French government's regulatory approach to the air transport sector, examine improvements in mechanisms to investigate and halt cartel conduct, probe new and im...

### E-Databases

- [Digital Dissertations](#)
- [EIU Country Data](#)
- [Emerging Markets](#)
- [Ethnic News Watch](#)
- [Factiva](#)
- [Global Insight](#)
- [Janes Defence Magazine Library](#)
- [Lexis/Nexis](#)
- [NTIS](#)

### Google Search

Go

### LC & CRS Resources

- [Ask a Librarian](#)
- [Search LC Catalog](#)
- [Search CRS Catalog](#)
- [LIS \(Congress.gov\)](#)
- [CRS Products](#)
- [CRS Webpage](#)
- [CRS Staff Site](#)

### My Links

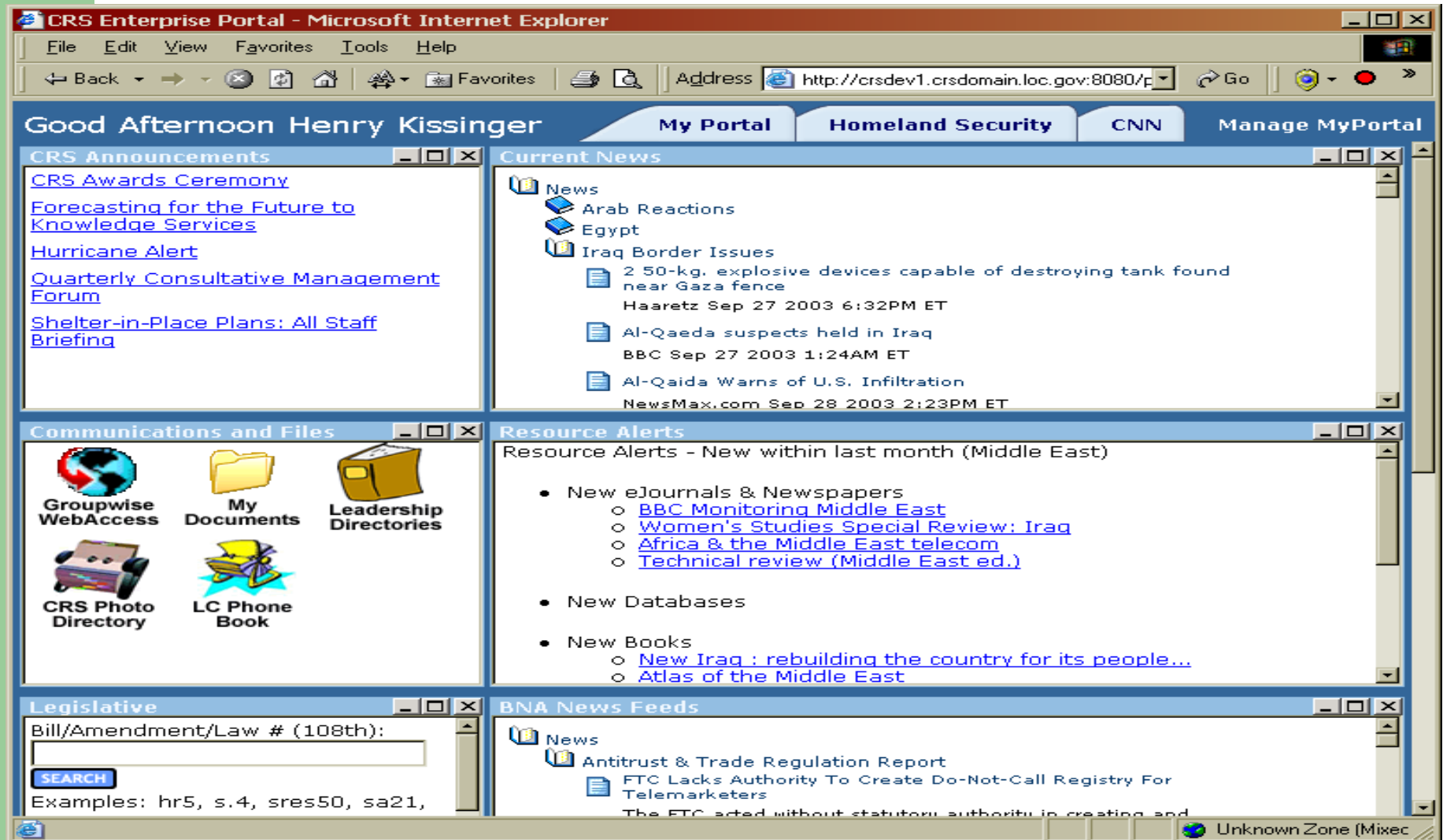
Arab World

- [ARAB.NET](#)
- [ArabDataNet](#)
- [Middle East Studies - WWW Virtual Library](#)
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- [News Arab World](#)

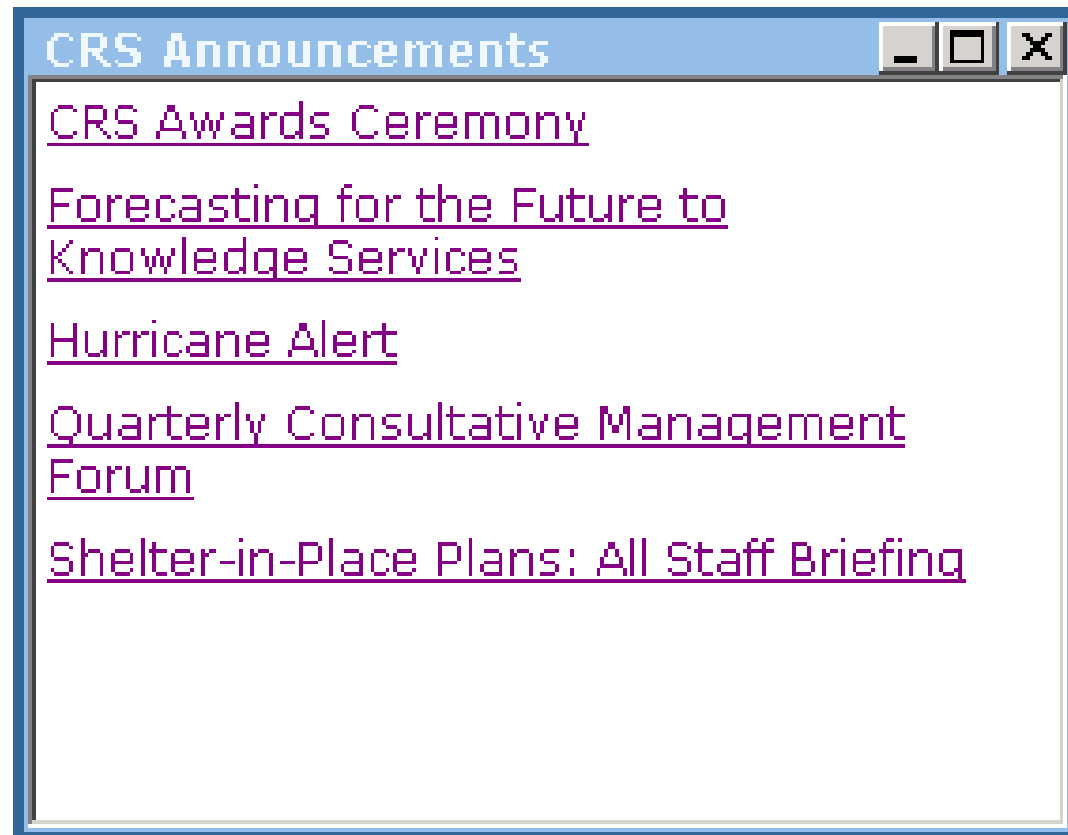
Egypt

- [Egypt](#)
- [Egypt - A Country Study](#)
- [Egypt Daily](#)

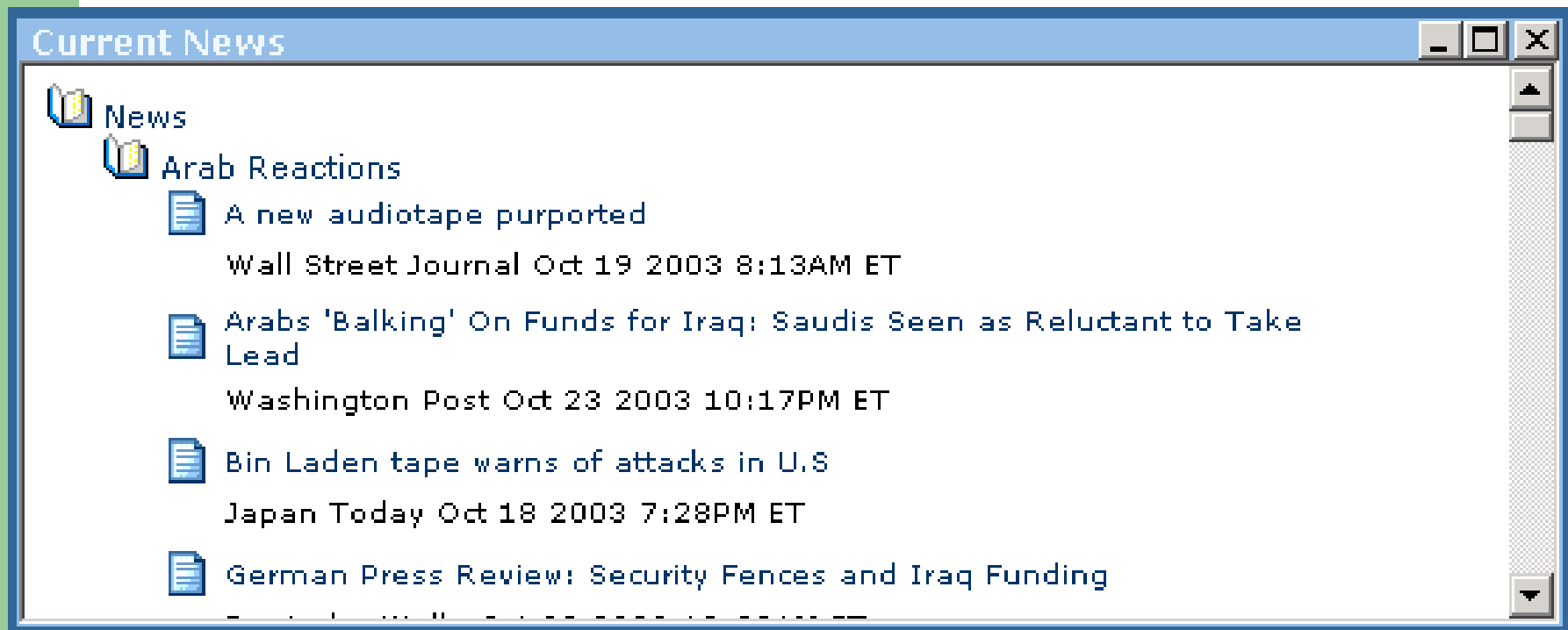
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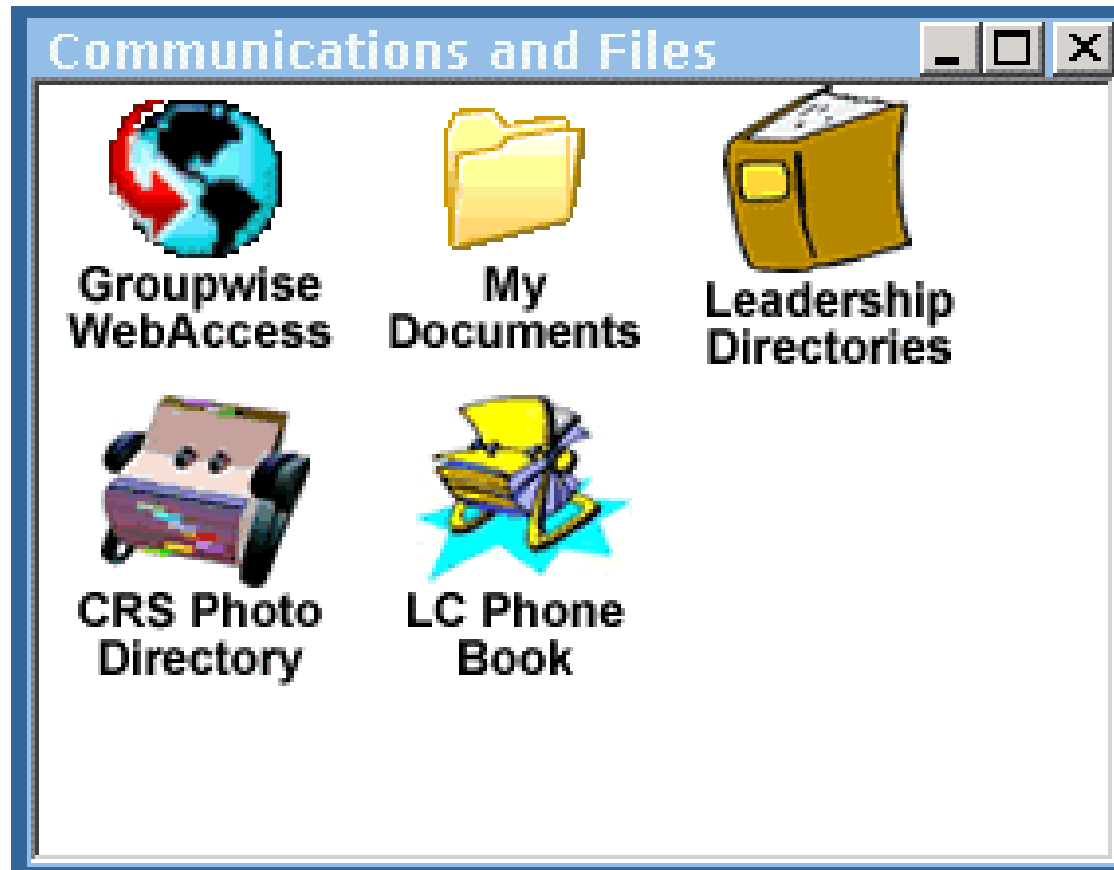
# CRS-wide Announcements



# News Alerts -- End-user defined (covering about 5,000 publications)



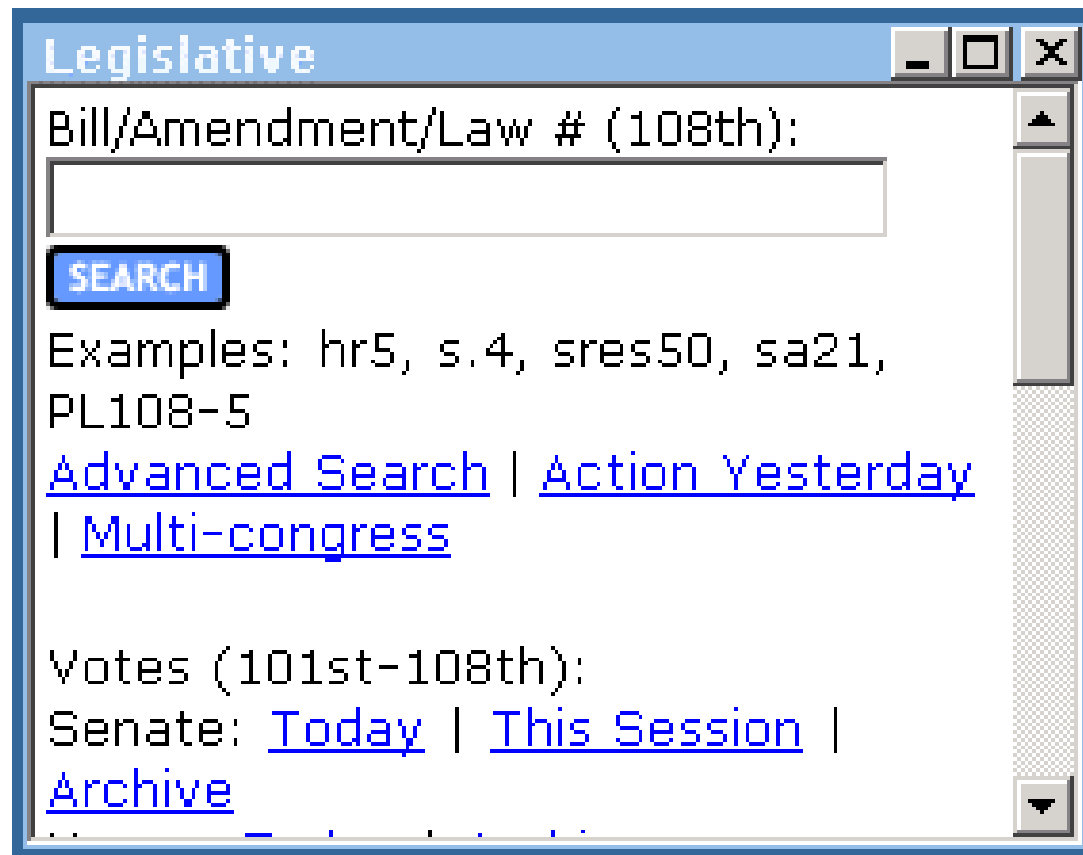
# Virtual Desktop - applications and files



# Resource alerts - new and discontinued resources portlet



# Quick search of legislative topics



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Legislative". The main content area contains a search form with the label "Bill/Amendment/Law # (108th):" and a text input field. Below the input field is a blue button labeled "SEARCH". Underneath the button, there are examples of search terms: "Examples: hr5, s.4, sres50, sa21, PL108-5". Further down, there are three blue underlined links: "Advanced Search", "Action Yesterday", and "Multi-congress". At the bottom of the visible content, there is a section titled "Votes (101st-108th):" followed by three blue underlined links: "Senate: Today", "This Session", and "Archive". The browser window has standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close) in the top right corner.

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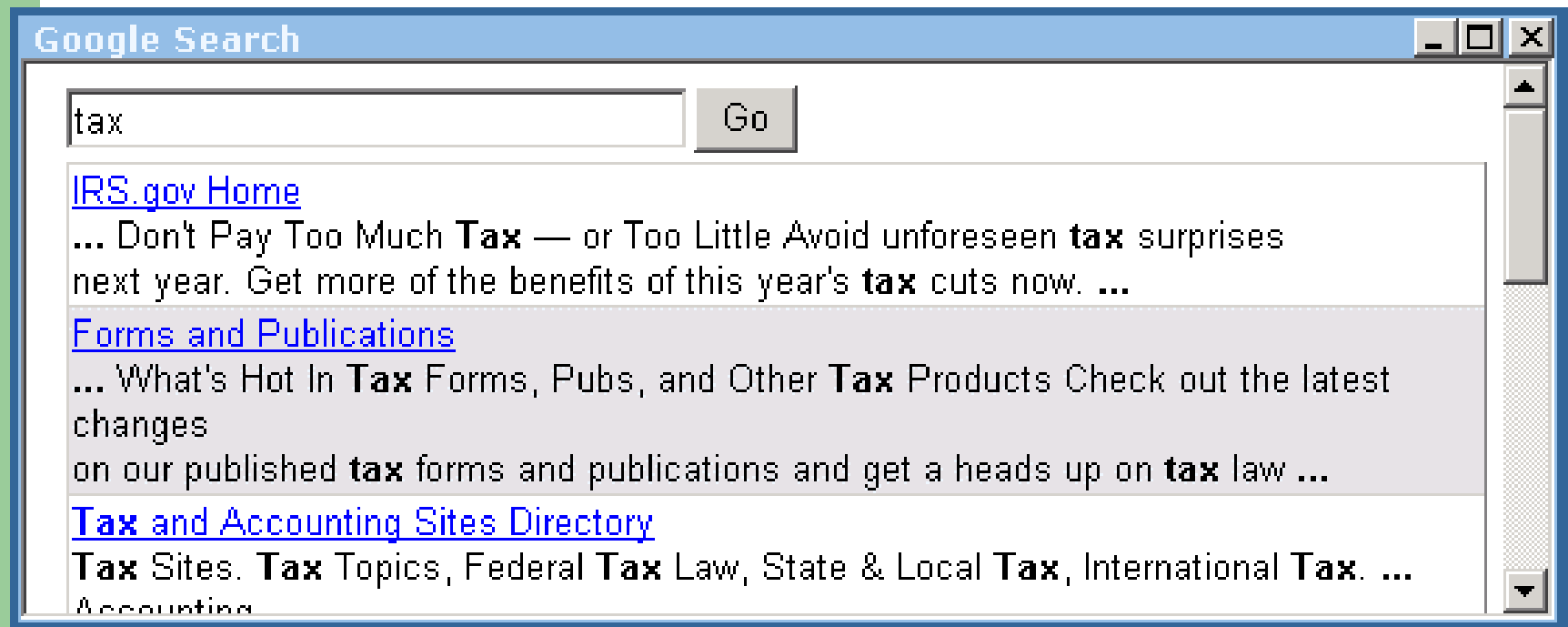
# Up-to-date headlines from major publications



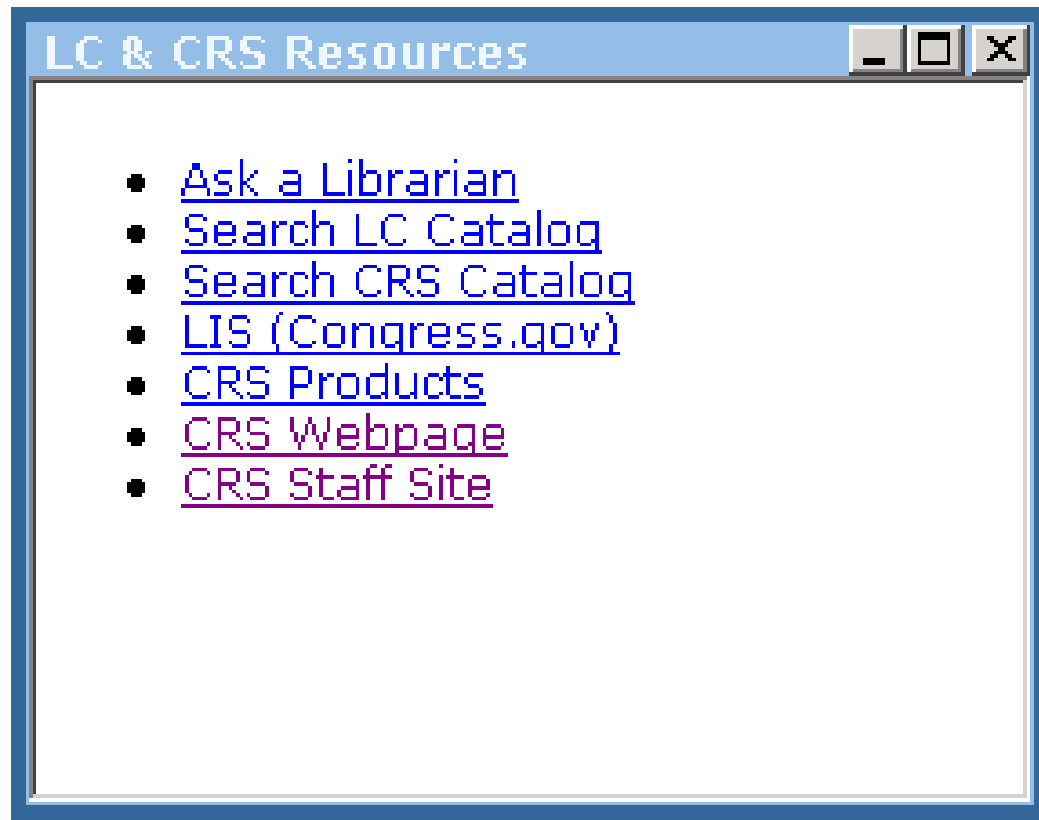
# End-user defined list of databases and/or eJournals



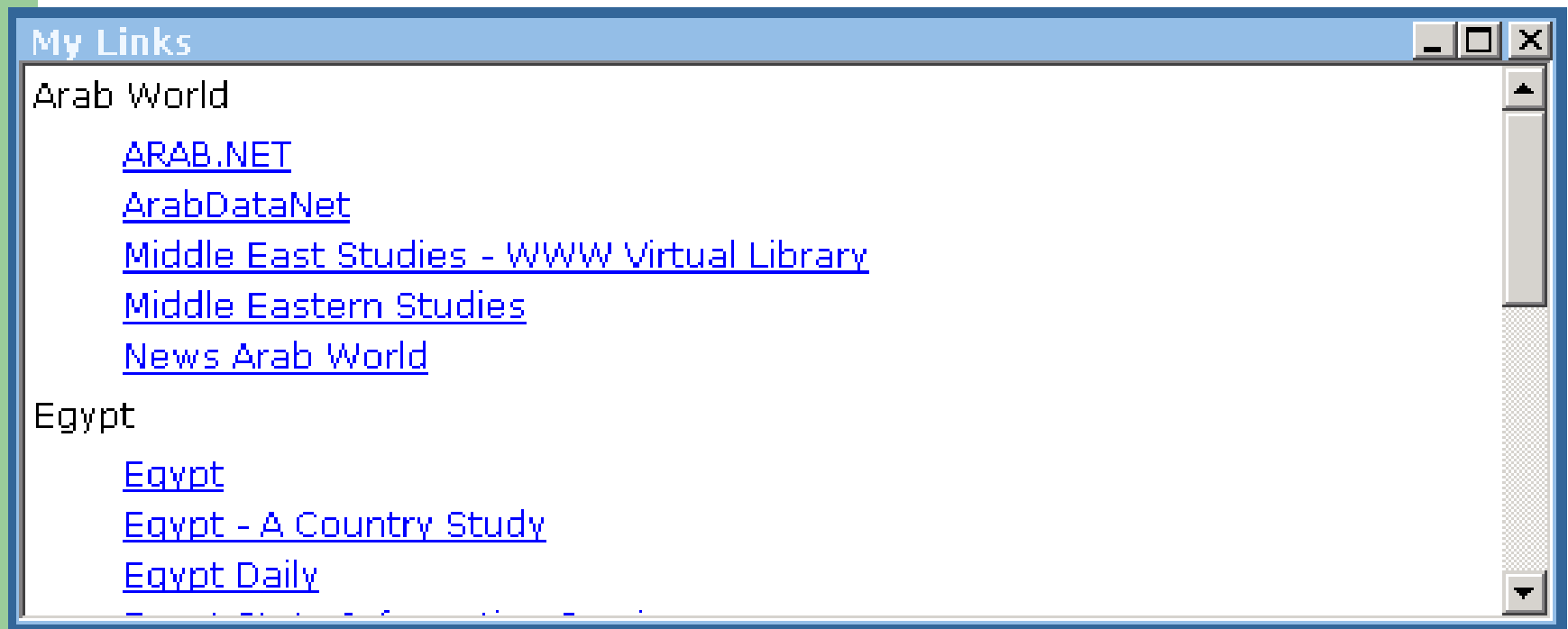
# Google search within a portlet



# End-user defined list of internal resources



# Bookmark-like portlet (Web page management)



# Other Features – Homeland Security Tab (team collaboration); Portal mgmt

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  - Iraq Border Issues
    - 2 50-kg. explosive devices capable of destroying tank found near Gaza fence  
Haaretz Sep 27 2003 6:32PM ET
    - Al-Qaeda suspects held in Iraq  
BBC Sep 27 2003 1:24AM ET
    - Al-Qaida Warns of U.S. Infiltration  
NewsMax.com Sep 28 2003 2:23PM ET

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    - FTC Lacks Authority To Create Do-Not-Call Registry For Telemarketers  
The FTC acted without statutory authority in creating and

Unknown Zone (Mixec)

# CRS Analyst Involvement – Spring 2003

- Held focus groups to learn about how information research is done at CRS
  - Analyst focus groups
    - Various Divisions – FDT, RSI, DSP, G&F
    - Two meetings – one with established analysts; and one with new analysts
- Included analysts in development meetings
  - FDT, RSI, G&F

# CRS' eResource Problems

- One size fits all approach has resulted in --  
**Information Overload**
  - 50,000 Online Journals in Full-Text
  - Dozens of Online Databases
  - Zillions of Web sites
- Limited tools for virtual collaboration
- Difficulties with files
  - Problems saving mixtures of text and graphics
  - Storage is dependent on physical location
  - Access to office software and files is also dependent on physical location



# Essential Portal Features

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- Analysts need their own personal workspace
- Content must be updated continuously
- Teams need space for content development and collaboration
- Analysts need easy storage and retrieval of content and access to desktop applications, independent of physical location

# Phase I – Prototype Developers

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